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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/668,089
Filing Date	September 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Reiko HABUTO et al
Group Art Unit	2182
Examiner Name	Eron J. SORRELL
Attorney Docket Number	450100-02728

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 16, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
iii. ☐ Other ____
b. ☐ Enclosed
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other ____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
b. ☐ Other ____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other ____
b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 + \$110.00 is enclosed for the following: filing fee and 1-month extension of time.
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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